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Summative Reflection:

Comment on each of the technologies we implemented, making sure to touch upon ease of use, quality of information gathered, and potential for further use:

PLE: I think once it clicked that it was a portable bookmark site, a lot of things cleared up for me. The explanation left me a little confused, but once it clicked, it was an extremely useful tool.

RSS feed: Again, another thing it took me a while to figure out, but I did learn how to use it though I only made RSS feeds of my own stuff. I think it would have been a really useful tool over a longer period of time, and with a different topic than what Lacy and I did.

Scoop It: This website was my best friend. I figured it out and that's where I stored all my articles and sources. It's a great website if you can navigate it, and I was very excited by it. I think if it had had a longer explanation more people would have been able to take advantage of it.

Videos/Interviews/Documentaries: Because of the nature of Lacy and me's project, our video watching involved a lot of Disney clips, which was really fun. Finding a documentary on Disney princesses wasn't the easiest task.

Audios: I felt pretty spiffy when I found an interview on NPR about Disney Princesses that was useful. It was quick and easy to use, and provided valuable information.

Wikispace: So I don't really have any feelings about the wikispace... It was a cut and paste effort, so I guess it was pretty easy.

Wordpress: It was a nice way to do metacognition and was an easy site to navigate.

Prezi: I didn't even attempt it because prezi is the devil.

Voice Thread: I spent 18 hours doing a project on that thing, and I still don't know how to use it... I wish someone had taught us how to use that site because it would have made this a lot easier.

To what extent did this type of learning (completely student-centered with teacher as facilitator rather than focus; self-guided; choice-based) result in a meaningful learning experience for you? Please explain.

It was nice to have a completely student-centered project with my own work space, but I feel like I could have used a lesson explaining explicitly what you wanted. I feel like because the technology was new to everyone, and introduced hurriedly, I was a little uncertain on what to deliver.

Remember that we fully understand the limitations and stress that came as a result of trying to do this project in so little time at the end of the year. We appreciate your willingness and

your enthusiasm, and we even appreciate your candor in evaluating the process. That being said, what suggestions can you make that will help us refine this assignment for future students. What did you like best? What did you not like? {We know more time, and not at the end of the year; you don't need to tell us that!}

The technology was very fun and extremely useful to learn, and yes, it was pretty crammed. I think the technology should be introduced in pieces if you are ever to do this project again and spread out throughout either the year, or the entire high school experience. There should also be a lesson on how to do use each of the different methods for the project (prezi, voicethread, etc.) I liked the freedom we received in class to do what we needed, but sometimes, I wish we had just a little more direction.

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